

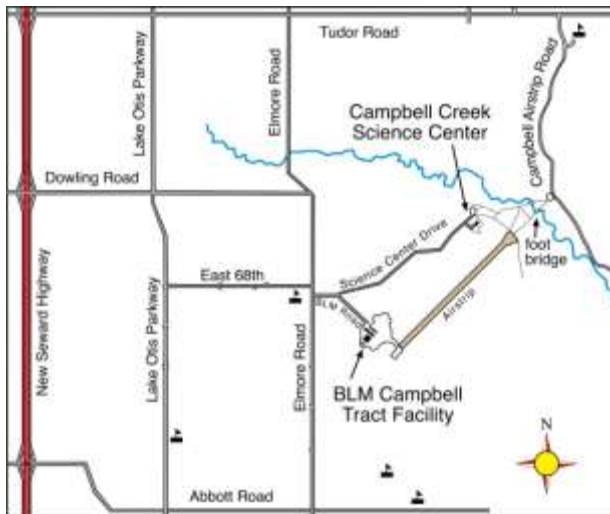
Midsummer Night's Science Series

BLM Campbell Creek Science Center
5600 Science Center Drive
Anchorage, AK 99507

2010 Series

Come discover the natural wonders of Campbell Tract, Anchorage's wild backyard. Interact with local professionals and discover the processes of science and natural resource management. These family-friendly, hands-on workshops are free and open to the public.

All Programs begin at 7:00 p.m.



For more information, please call 267-1247.

May 19: Birding 101

The world of birding can be an intimidating place, full of unfamiliar terms such as "pishing" and "lister" and statistics such as "7x35." Come relax and learn birding basics. Biologist Bruce Seppi of the Bureau of Land Management and educator Rich Capitan of the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center will present an introduction on the immensely popular hobby of birding. They'll discuss bird songs and calls, general bird identification, choosing a field guide, and making sense of binoculars and spotting scopes.

June 2: Bear Safety for Families

Summer in Alaska means a wide variety of kid-friendly outdoor activities. It also means sharing the forest with bears. Does your family know what to do? Attend this free lecture about bear safety, practice using inert bear spray, and feel more confident about your family's outdoor adventures this summer.

June 16: Alaska Bats!

Bats are the only mammal that can truly fly and they eat half their body weight in one night. Katie Larson, from the Alaska Zoo, and staff from the Alaska Bat Club will guide us on a journey to learn more about the unique characteristics of these small helpful creatures. Afterward we'll head outside to try out a Bat-Detector to locate bats.

June 30: Alaska under Attack!

Alaska is under attack from alien life forms. Learn what plants have invaded Alaska, how they got here, and why they pose a threat to native plants and subsistence resources. Laurie Thorpe, BLM Natural Resource Specialist, and Matt Carlson, Alaska Natural Heritage Program, will discuss invasive plants and techniques to monitor and control them.

July 14: Polar Dinosaurs

Dinosaurs once called Alaska home. What made these animals special? How were polar dinosaurs different from other dinos? Come and learn about polar dinosaurs and their strategies for living at the North and South Pole! Katch Bacheller, Executive Director of the Alaska Natural History Museum, will lead this exciting presentation that will delight learners of all ages.

July 28: Incredible Insects

Did you know that one out of every four animals on Earth is a beetle? Come discover more about the most diverse and successful group of animals called insects from Michael Rasy of the UAF Cooperative Extension Service. We'll discover the characteristics insects share and then hunt for insects in the woods and fields of Campbell Tract.

August 11: Weather

How do meteorologists predict the weather? Crystal balls? Achy knees? Jim Nelson, Science & Operations Officer for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will discuss the ins and outs of weather research and how you can learn to read the skies to predict your next sunny day adventure!

August 25: Mushroom Fair

Come have fun learning about fungi. Local mushroom enthusiasts will share their knowledge about mushrooms through posters, discussion, and specimens from all over South-central Alaska. Bring specimens from your own backyard to identify!